

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS

CHEYENNE (January 30, 2015) - The Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Consumer Health Services section is amending the Wyoming Food Safety Rule. The amendments are taking place to remain current with requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture in maintaining an “at least equal to” status for the state meat inspection program.

The Department of Agriculture is readopting Chapter 14 of the Wyoming Food Safety Rule. In order to stay in compliance with the United States Department of Agriculture and to maintain the “at least equal to” status for the state meat inspection program, the Consumer Health Services Division of the Department of Agriculture must have rules which adopt the latest provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9, Part 300 to End. The rules readopt Chapter 14 of the 2012 Wyoming Food Safety Rule in order to incorporate the 2014 CFR revisions and become compliant with USDA requirements. The changes in Chapter 14 are denoted through the “strike and underline” method. Underlined items are proposed additions and strike-through items are proposed deletions.

The 45 day public comment period begins February 3, 2015, and ends March 24, 2015. A public hearing will be held if requested by 25 persons, a governmental subdivision or by an association having not less than 25 members. Written comments or request for a public hearing may be addressed to: Wyoming Department of Agriculture, 2219 Carey Ave, Cheyenne, WY 82002.

To obtain a copy of the proposed changes to Wyoming Food Safety Rule or a copy of a complete description of the changes, interested parties may contact Dean Finkenbinder, Manager of Consumer Health Services at dean.finkenbinder@wyo.gov . The proposed changes to the Wyoming Food Safety Rule may be accessed on the Consumer Health Services website at <http://agriculture.wy.gov/divisions/chs/food-safety>